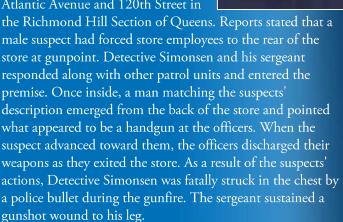
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DETECTIVE FIRST GRADE BRIAN P. SIMONSEN

102 Precinct Detective Squad

n the evening of Tuesday February 12, 2019, Detective Brian P. Simonsen was shot and killed while responding to a 911 call of an armed robbery.

At approximately 6:10 pm, callers reported an armed robbery in progress at a cell phone store located on Atlantic Avenue and 120th Street in



Detective Simonsen was rushed to Jamaica Hospital but succumbed to his injuries.

The suspect, a career criminal with many prior arrests, was injured in the shooting and arrested.

Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill posthumously promoted Simonsen to Detective First Grade at the funeral on Wednesday, February 20, 2019.

Detective Simonsen, 42, achieved great distinction during his 19-year career. He worked exclusively in the 102 Precinct where he made hundreds of arrests; most of them felonies. He was held in the highest regard by the public, his co-workers and supervisors, and was elected the Detectives' Endowment Association delegate for his command.

Detective Brian P. Simonsen was survived by his wife, Leanne Marie; his mother, Linda; and his maternal grandfather, Vernon.

